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elimination of one of the labor unions representing state employees also deprives the Pay Equity Commission of expertise during both the study and the implementation of the project.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The bottom line on LB 700 is sponsored by 17 Senators who value the work that women do. The proposed amendments weaken the resolve of the sponsors and the supporters and if we value the work that women do then you must vote for the study without the amendment. As I said before, we can compromise on the makeup of the committee but I certainly don't think an amendment as drastic as this which changes the whole concept of LB 700 should be considered as an amendment to the committee amendments. I, therefore, urge you to reject the amendment and in the meantime since we didn't get this until four-thirty or five o'clock last night, the group that are interested in this legislation will work with Senator Beutler to come up with a fair and decent amendment on LB 700 on Select File. But I think it is a little bit unfair to bring in such a major change the day before and it is not printed in the Journal and I think that we should wait and come up with something that we can work together with on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would break in for a moment to introduce a distinguished guest we have in the city, in the state today. Some of you perhaps will be hearing him at noon but he is Mr. Edwin Dodd who is the Chairman of the Board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce who is seated over here to my right. I would ask him if he would please stand and give him a welcome. Also any of you who...he will be here for just a few minutes if any of you would like to meet with him or visit with him for a few minutes, why I would appreciate if you would do that. So, Mr. Dodd, would you please stand.

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the Legislature, Mr. Dodd. Senator